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AN ORDINANCE OF PARLIAMENT,

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An Ordinance of *Parliament*, concerning the Subsidy of Tonnage, and Poundage.

THE *Lords* and *Commons* now assembled in *Parliament*, taking into consideration the great perills and dangers, that may ensue not onely to this Kingdome but likewise unto that of *Ireland*, especially in these times of apparent danger, far exceeding all former times, either of his *Majestie*, or of his Royall Father King *Iames*, and taking into further consideration the great debt now due unto the Navie, aswell before the beginning of this *Parliament* as since, amounted to the summe of two hundred thousand pounds or thereabouts, And that two and fifty Ships of Warre are now in the actuall service of this Kingdome, as well for the Defence thereof as of *Ireland*, and not knowing what other supply of Ships and of store will be further requisite in these times of danger; and well knowing that they cannot bee maintained without great summes of Money, nor the said great Arrears satisfied by any moneys already collected or owing by Merchants for the time past.

And foreseeing the danger and the necessity of the supply did long before this time prepare a new Booke of *Rates* which passed both *Houses* now ordered to be published, wherein they had aswell an equall respect to the ease of Merchants, as to the raising of such summes of money as might be proportionable to those supplies; And did likewise prepare and passe a Bill of *Tonnage* and *Poundage*, whereby the Booke of *Rates* is confirmed, which Bill they have likewise ordered to be printed and published, which after they were past both *Houses*, were upon the 29th day of *Iune* last past. sent to his Majesty to *Yorke* for the Royall Assent, which his Majesty not having passed; The *Lords* and *Commons* did upon the fourteenth day of this instant *July* command the Earle of *Holland*, Sir *John Holland*, and Sir *Philip Stapleton* (by whom they

did ſend the late Petition to his Majeſty) in the name of both *Houſes* to move his Majeſty to give a ſpeedy paſſage to that Bill, whereunto his Majeſty hath given no Anſwer at all. And whereas the former Bill of *Tonnage* and *Poundage* did determine the firſt day of this inſtant *July*, ſince which time no Moneys intended to be raiſed by this laſt Bill have beene collected. Now the ſaid Lords and Commons having taken the Premiſſes into due and ſerious conſideration for preventing the inevitable dangers that muſt neceſſary enſue, without timely prevention in that behalfe, have thought good to make this their Declaration to all his Majeties Loving Subjects.

Firſt whereas by an *Act* made this preſent *Parliament*, intituled an *Act* for the reliefe of the Captives taken by the Turkiſh Moo. eiſh, and other Pyrats, And to prevent the taking of others in time to come, All Merchants aſwell Denizens as Aliens, for any goods exported or imported from the tenth day of *December* one thouſand ſix hundred forty and one, during the terme of three yeares then next enſewing, are to make due entries of ſuch their goods in the Port of *London*, and all other his Majeſties Ports within the Realm of *England* and Dominion of *Wales* upon the penalty of the forfeiture of the ſaid goods.

Now the ſaid Lords and Commons doe enjoyne all Merchants aſwell *Denizens* as *Aliens* to make due Entrie of all ſuch goods and Merchandize, as they ſhall during the continuance of the ſaid *Act*, export or import. And to the intent that the Entries may be accordingly made, they doe expect that the Cuſtomers Comptrollers Searchers and other the Officers of the ſaid City of *London*, and other the Ports reſpectively do carefully attend their ſeverall charges, and make due ſeizure as forfeited, of all ſuch goods and Merchandize as ſhal not be entred according to the intent of the ſaid *Statute*.

2. That although the ſaid laſt Bill of *Tonnage* & *Poundage* hath not yet had the Royall aſſent, and therefore the *Subject* by the Lawis not compellable to pay the duty therein limited to be paid, yet the premiſſes and preſſing neceſſities conſidered. The Lords and Commons doe declare that it ſhall be taken as an acceptable ſervice to the *Common-wealth* by a manifeſtation of their good affections to the publique, of all thoſe, that ſhall upon entry of their goods advance, and pay by way of Loane unto the *Collectors*, or *Commiſſioners* which now are or hereafter ſhall be named, or to their *Deputy* or *Deputies*, all ſuch ſum or ſummes of money as are payable by the laſt Book of

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rates and ſhould have been due in caſe the ſaid Bill had paſt for a Law.

3. That every Merchant ſo advancing money as aboveſaid ſhall have allowance by way of defalcation of fifteen pounds *per cent.* out of every hundred pounds he or they ſhall ſo advance and pay, over & above all other allowãces made in the ſaid Bill or Booke of *rates*, or either of them & ſoe out of every great & leſſe ſum after that *rate*.

4. Whereas the Bill of *Tonnage* & *Poundage* now remaining with his *Majeſty*, cãnot have the force of the Law without the further concurrence of the *Lords* & *Commons*, in reſpect the ſpeaker of the Houſe of *Commons* by and with the conſent of the ſaid *Commons* is to carrie the ſaid Bill up into the *Lords* Houſe for the Royall aſſent, as alſo in reſpect, that in his *Majeſties* abſence from *Parliament*, his *Majeſty* hath no power to paſſe his Royal aſſent unto a Bill, but by his Letters Patent under the great Seale and ſigned with his hand declared and notified to the *Lords* and *Commons* aſſembled, together in the higher Houſe as by a *ſtatute* made in the 23. yeare of the reign of *King Hen:* the 8. *c.* 21. appeareth. Now the *Lords* and *Commons* for the further aſſurance of Merchants advancing moneys as aforeſaid, doe promiſe and declare, that before they conſent to the perfecting of the ſaid bill of *Tonnage*, and *Poundage* now remaining with his *Majeſty*, or any other Bill of *Tonnage* and *Poundage* whatſoever, proviſion ſhall bee made that the ſaid allowance of fifteen *per cent.* ſhall bee confirmed unto the ſaid Merchants accordingly. And that they, their heires executors adminiſtrators and aſſignes ſhall be for ever acquitted and diſcharged of, and from the payment thereof.

5. To the intent that no Merchant doth forbeare to advance the ſaid moneys by way of Loan, according as hereby is deſired, in hope that the duties in the ſaid Bill ſhall not hereafter become payable from the firſt day of *Iuly*, 1642. The *Lords* and *Commons* doe declare that no Bill of *Tonnage* & *Poundage* ſhall hereafter paſſe in *Parliament*, but ſuch as ſhall relate & be in force to compell all *merchants* to pay for all goods and merchandize exported or imported from the ſaid firſt day of *Iuly*, 1642 on which day the former Bill of *Tonnage* and *Poundage* expired. In which Bill there ſhall bee that clauſe of forfeiture of the value of all ſuch goods as ſhal not be duly entred in the Cuſtome houſe from, and after that day in ſuch manner as in the ſaid Bill is expreſſed.

6. That all Merchants who ſhall not advance mony by way of Loan as aforeſaid in regard of the preſent & preſſing dãgers, & neceſſities The Lords and Commons do declare, that at what time ſoever they

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ſhall conſent to the paſſing of any Bill of *Tonnage* and *Poundage*, All ſuch perſons who ſhall not advance monies as aforeſaid ſhall be charged to pay the duties of *Tonnage* and *Poundage*, from the ſaid firſt day of *July* one thouſand ſixe hundred forty two, during the Terme of the ſaid Bill in ſuch manner as by the ſaid Bill ſhall be provided.

That to the intent that no officer belonging to any Cuſtome-houſe within this Kingdome, or the Dominion of *Wales*, or other perſons appointed to be Commiſſioners for receiving of ſuch Monies as ſhall be advanced by Merchants as aforeſaid, be diſcouraged by reaſon of any Penalties mentioned in any former Act of *Tonnage* and *Poundage* paſt this *Parliament*: for receiving of any duties upon Merchandize not being granted by *Parliament*, Allthough the *Lords* and *Commons* doe conceive and hereby declare; That the receiving of the ſaid Summes of Money before mentioned is not within the true intention of the ſaid Penalties, the ſame being advanced voluntarily by way of Loane: as alſo in reſpect thoſe *Acts*, and the true intent of them, were principally to reſtraine, the Crowne from impoſing upon the People without their conſent. Yet for the further incouragement of ſuch Perſon or Perſons who ſhall receive any ſuch Sums, They doe declare and promiſe: That whereas the ſaid Bill of *Tonnage* and *Poundage* now remaining with his Majeſty or any other do paſſe for a Law, there ſhall be proviſion made in ſuch Bill for the indempnity and ſecurity of all ſuch perſon and perſons in that behalfe.

8. That whereas by a former Order of the Commons Houſe of *Parliament*: the Officers appointed for that purpoſe have Order to take Bonds of all Merchants for the payment of one *per Cent.* to be raiſed by vertue of the aforeſaid Bill for the reliefe of the Captives taken by Turkiſh or other Pyrates, or ſo much thereof as ſhall be agreed on by the Lords and *Commons* in *Parliament*. It is now ordered, That all ſuch Merchants as ſhall not advance money by way of Loane as aforeſaid, ſhall at all times hereafter upon entry of their goods, make payment of ready money for their ſaid goods according to the Tenor of the ſaid Bill, and likewiſe all ſuch other ſummes of Money as by vertue of the ſaid Bill are due from the ſaid Merchants, upon Bill or otherwiſe for goods by them formerly entred, ſince the tenth day of *December* one thouſand ſixe hundred

hundred fortie and one, by the true intent of which *Act* the one *per Cent.* to bee paid and received, is to be taken and received according to such *Rates* as were due and payable by the Bill of *Tonnage* and *Poundage* which did last determine.

9. The *Lords* and *Commons* doe ordaine that the same Collectors or Commissioners who have formerly received the severall Duties upon Merchandize, upon the severall Bills of *Tonnage* and *Poundage* past this *Parliament*, shall be, and are deputed to be Commissioners, who are enabled by this Ordinance to receive all such summe or summes of Money, which shall at any time hereafter be voluntarily advanced by way of Loane in such manner as they have formerly received, the former Duties of *Tonnage* and *Poundage*, which said Commissioners, their Deputie or Deputies, or any one of them, shall have full power and authority to give allowance by way of defalcation after the rate of fifteene *per Cent.* out of all such moneyes as shall bee advanced, according to the true intent of this Ordinance. All which moneys the said Commissioners their Deputy or Deputies shall receive upon Accompt, and shall from time to time issue out the same, as they the said Commissioners shall be authorized by Order of the Lords and Commons in *Parliament*, or of such other person or persons as they shall nominate and appoint, to be imployed for the uses herein before expressed.

10. For the more due Execution of the Premisses, and that account be justly kept and the Commissioners duely charged, the Customers and Comptrollers aswell of the City of *London* as the Out-Ports are required once in every 28. dayes to make a true accompt, of all such entries as have beene, made in the severall Ports respectively, and of the moneys payable by the said Entries, and are to certifie the said accompts monethly unto *William Toames* Esquire, Surveyor Generall in the Custome House of *London*, who is likewise required to make up a perfect Accompt upon all the severall Certificates, and to returne in the same unto the Commons House of *Parliament*, or to such *Committee* as shall bee thereunto authorized by them.

11. That for the better directions aswell of the Merchants, what is to be performed on their parts, as of the severall Officers of the Custome House in the severall Ports respectively. It is Ordained

dained by the Lords and Commons now assembled in *Parliament*. That a true Coppy of the said Bill of *Tonnage* and *Poundage* which hath past both Houses, and now remaining with his Majesty shall be printed, and both it and the said Booke of Rates published and sent aswell to the Officers of the Custome House in the City of *London*, as unto the Officers of the Out-Ports respectively.

Lastly for the incouragement of Merchants, Strangers trading in the Port of *Dover* to continue their intercourse of Trade, and the Importation of *Bullion* and forraigne Coyne; It is ordered by the said Lords and Commons, that the severall Officers in that Port respectively shall, and may from time to time give unto all Merchants Strangers the like respect and allowance in their Customes, as they have formerly done.

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